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My Dear Sir, I venture to send you a portion of a letter from Mr. Frank Martineau of Birmingham, which expresses the feeling of all who were present at the Conference on Friday last. I wish to express personally to you my gratitude for the inspiration which you have imparted to my fellow workers whenever you have met them. Mr. Martineau invites me to meet you at Birmingham. This will be impossible as I have not yet recovered my strength for work. But I am rejoiced to think that you are going

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there, for Birmingham is the stronghold of our best workers. It is to that group that I constantly appeal with the greatest confidence of a response. — How much I should like to meet you there! If your son Frank will keep me informed of your movements, I shall endeavour to see you again before you leave this Country.

You will recollect that you kindly promised to write us a letter to be read at the Congress of Geneva. I do not wish to take your strength, but cannot refrain from expressing the wish that you could write something shewing

the analogies which exist between the glorious struggle which you led to its Conclusion, & our own conflict. Many persons have been inspired & strengthened by your words in Liverpool & London, & it is greatly to be desired that the persons assembled at the Congress from all nations should have the opportunity of benefitting By your Faith and Experience. Could not your Son take down at your dictation occasionally the thoughts which may present themselves to you which might develope into a most valuable paper for the Congress?—

I am my dear Sir
Yours very truly
Josephine E Butler
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